

REMARKS

Claims 4, 5, 7, 8 and 27 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 4, 7 and 27 are amended. No new matter is added.

I. The Specification Satisfies All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to the specification. The specification is amended to obviate this objection.

The Office Action indicates that the specification fails to provide proper antecedent basis for the feature relating to the height of the adhesive of the step portion that is recited in claims 4, 7 and 27. Applicant notes that the specification was previously amended on April 22, 2004 to include this feature.

II. The Claims Satisfy the Requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 4, 7, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 4, 7 and 27 are amended to obviate this rejection.

III. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 4, 5, 7, 8 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Applicants Admitted Prior Art (APA) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,701,008 to Ray et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Neither APA nor Ray disclose polishing a surface of the transparent cover after adhering the transparent cover to the lens array substrate, as in the invention of amended independent claims 4, 7 and 27. Neither the APA nor Ray disclose or suggest this feature. See e.g., specification at page 13, lines 16-18. Thus, the transparent cover can be polished flat even if warpage or waviness occurs by adhering.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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